After the 1986 Asian Games, Government set up and Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. Amrik Singh, former Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University, to study, among other things, the Indian contingent's performance at the 1986 Asiad. Government also held discussions and consultations with various Sports federations, Indian Olympic Assosiation and experts; and finalised Guidelines for identification, training and nurturing of sports talent for ensuring excellence in performance in the 1990 Asian Games and other leading international events.

(b) and (c) The Sports Authority of India in its present form came into existence on 1-5-1987. Its role in promoting sports in the country is constantly under review in the Department. Its activities are also reviewed periodically by its Empowered and Monitoring Committees.

A Committee was also set up a Committee in 1987. under the then Secretariay of Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Gopalasamy Committee, to review all the Plan Schemes of Sports and revamp them.

The role of Sports Authority of India was also reviewed in great detail by the Estimates Committee of Parliament (1987-88). Out of 39 recommendations made by this Committee, as many as 30 have been accepted and have either been implemented or are in the process of being implemented.

As a result of the above reviews, the major steps taken|proposed to be taken by the Government to bring about all-round improvement in the Indian Sports, are as below:

(i) Establishment of Sports Project Development Area (SPDA) Centres to decentralise the training and coaching facilities at the grassroots levels.

(ii) Modification, merger, reorganisation and restructuring of some of the Schemes of the Department and the Sports Authority of India.

(iii) Examination of the steps necessary to make SAI a truly expert body in regard to various sports disciplines.

(iv) Introduction of several innovatice Schemes like NSTC|SAG.

(d) The control and regulation of sports activities in the country are already in the hands of IOA and the various National Sports Federation| Associations, which are autonomous organisations. There is no restriction on private bodies promoting sports in the country. As such, the question of effecting privatisation of the Indian sports does not arise.

दिल्ली में संरक्षित स्मारकों में धार्मिक कृत्यों का किया जाना

416. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण द्वारा संरक्षित दिल्ली स्थित अनेक स्मारकों में धार्मिक कृत्य किये जाने की अनुमति दे दी गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन स्मारकों के नाम क्या हैं और इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या देश के अन्य भागों में स्थित स्मारकों के संबंध में भी ऐसी अनुमति दी जायेगी ; यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिमन भाई मेहता) : (क) जी, हां । किन्तु यह इस वर्ष केवल रमजान की अवधि के दौरान था ।

(ख) और (ग) दिल्ली की सभी केन्द्र द्वारा संरक्षित मस्जिदों और ऐसे अन्य स्थानों पर भी जहां पूजा नहीं होती यह नमाज के लिए इस प्रकार की मस्जिदों के उपयोग की अनुमति की सतत मांग पर विचार करने पर था ।